

PAPAL NOTES

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Rome in the Legislature.

On January 21, Hon. W. P. Laferty offered in the House, "by request," a bill to provide for the inspection of convents and other institutions. The bill was referred to the committee on Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry. This committee is composed of Plowden Scott (Cath.), A. C. Smith (Cath.), J. E. Anderson, J. H. Cullins and G. W. Weeks. On Feb. 3d the committee reported the bill back to the House with the recommendation that it "do not pass." Tom Brown (Cath.) moved its indefinite postponement. Not a voice was raised in its favor. Even the accommodating Lafferty, a Presbyterian, and the Rev. Elmore, President of the Baptist College at Brownsville, were as quiet and docile as dead clams. So the bill was laid to rest, — but likely to appear in the next campaign.

Hon. G. W. Weeks was on the committee that turned down the bill for convent inspection. We will try to remember him next campaign.

When any body of men set themselves up as instructors of morality, their fitness for the work, and the way they go about it, are fit subjects for discussion and criticism. It touches the public welfare and is therefore a public matter.

The Free School book law was repealed. It provided for free books to the schools of any district so voting, but gave sectarian schools equal privilege with public schools. Catholics put up a fight against the repeal.

American Party Platform 1856 (Art. 5): "No person should be selected for political station who recognizes any allegiance or obligation of any description to any foreign prince, potentate or power."

The Hierarchs should be disfranchised. Not only so, but if permitted to run at large, they should be regarded as traitors out on parole. Why? Because they are oath-bound to a foreign pretender who is a deadly enemy to liberty.

The Catholics also fought the Girls' Industrial Home in the interest of their own institutions, and brought to bear all kinds of pressure to have it abolished. But the women from all over the State protested with such vigor, that it looks now like the institution would be retained.

The killing of ex-priest Black the other day at Marshall, Texas, by Knights of Columbus is exactly in line with the methods of the Catholic Church against free speech. She never has tolerated freedom anywhere, when she had the power to suppress it. She simply cannot stand the light of exposure.

"Entrance into the shadow of convent walls is entrance to the shadow of death, — death to parents, death to friends, death to the world, and death to self-physical, intellectual and spiritual decay, destructive of all the finer attributes which God has bestowed upon human kind." — The Menace.

"It would be impossible to live in Mexico even for a few months and not know the corruption of the Roman Catholic Church. But while the people have long known it, yet the public conscience has been stupefied by the power of the Church, criticism has been effectually silenced and opposition has been rendered virtually impossible. Now we find all this changed." — H. A. Phillips, in Assembly Herald.

Three Catholic Knights of Columbus at Marshall, Texas, take with them an armed negro, go to the hotel of ex-priest Black, shoot him down. At Marshall, Texas, arm themselves, take with them an armed negro, go to the hotel of ex-priest Black, snoot him down.

No shot was fired by the ex-priest; no shot fired by the negro; but Mr. C. F. Hall, who was with Black, had his proper nerve and sent two of the Knights of Purgatory. Thus we are in the fight of the Middle Ages over again for free speech. There will probably be many such killings, which is the price we must pay for harboring the deadly old serpent in our national bosom.

A CONSPIRACY TO RUIN OREGON ROMAN PRIESTHOOD CAPTURING EVERYTHING

The Politicians are out after the jobs and have lost their manhood. They are worse than the hobos, for they want nothing but "dough," while the knights of the road will work a little and are satisfied with a doughnut. The Hierarchy, taking advantage of this weakness of the crazy office seekers and having plenty of "dough," are getting almost everything they want and will ruin our great state, unless the lovers of liberty unite and that at once.

The immorality—drunkenness, sodomy, white slavery, adultery, rape and child murder spoken of in our last week's issue is not the worst side of the Roman conspiracy. These things are awful to be sure, but they are only the weaknesses and personal crimes of the priests, bishops, archbishops, abbots and the popes themselves. You ask, what can be worse? Treason! Treason against the liberties of the people. Treason in trying to destroy the American institutions, whose destruction means death to democracy and the establishment of a government of a favored few — a tyranny which ultimately means the downfall of all civilization. To prove that we are right, let us look at some of the work of this priesthood and the priest governed politicians of Oregon for the last four years.

These fixers got our legislature to fix up a law so the Roman Catholic Church would get a big graft. This they did in spite of our constitution, which says:

"No money shall be drawn from the Treasury for the benefit of any religion or theological institution, or shall any money be appropriated for the payment of any religious services in either house of the Legislative Assembly."

Here is how they are doing it: A fund of \$14000 was appropriated biennially for the support of wayward girls between 12 and 18 years of age. This the Legislature increased to \$20,000 in 1913 and it was fixed so that no state institution for girls could draw on this fund, and the consequence has been that taxpayers have been robbed in this way and in a thousand other ways by the Catholic

Church. These large sums of money are paid to the Home of the Good Shepherd, the St. Mary's Home, the St. Agne's Asylum etc., etc., and these girls are fed like prisoners and worked at laundry and other things for a profit like slaves that they really are.

In 1911-12, \$20,285.44 was paid to the Catholics of Oregon out of the taxpayers' pockets and these Oregon girls who were in many cases fooled into captivity, worked for their board, lodging and lying instructions in ways mysterious and the profit of their hypocritical jailors.

In 1913-14 the amount paid these Roman institutions in Oregon increased to \$40,566.83, making a grand total for this Roman graft, for that short period, of \$82,129.01. Add to this that we are paying Catholic priests hundreds of dollars every year for their silly services in the penitentiary (many of the priests are worse than many of the inmates.) and also paying them for other religious (?) services in The Boys' Training School and we have a fine problem to solve.

The Silvertion Journal is trying to tell the people about this awful condition, and what is the Journal man getting for it? He is getting just what anyone with common sense would expect from any band of criminals who had usurped the power of government. He has not only been imprisoned, he is not only under arrest again at this moment with a long, costly trial waiting for him, and perhaps another jail sentence, he has not only been plunged into a debt which makes a jail lock almost a place of refuge from over work and

worry, but, even now, we can't get the necessary work done to make our paper half the success it should be because the hierarchy has the strange hold on nearly every business on which depends our success.

On this page right now there should have appeared this week a fine cartoon if something wrong had not happened to prevent. A friend of our work had drawn a number of fine cartoons which would have helped our paper very much, gotten us lots of new subscribers and thus helped us in solving the financial problem that is almost making us crazy. The cost of having the cuts made bothered us for several weeks, but we finally concluded that we must have the work done. We wrote for prices to a well known engraving company in Portland and received the following reply:

Portland, Ore., Feb. 12, 1915.
The Silvertion Journal,
Silvertion, Oregon.
Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 10 inst. the (8) zinc etchings about 4 1/2 inches by 5 1/2 inches will cost you thirty, ten dollars and sixty cents (\$13.60) NET payable upon receipt of the engravings.

Thanking you for your enquiry and trusting to be favored with the order, We remain, Yours very truly,
Beaver Engraving Company,
By F.H. Schoene, Sec. and Treas.

On receipt of this letter, although \$13.60 looked like a lot of money to us, struggling business, we rolled up the eight cartoon drawings and sent

them to this company in good faith. We had sent them work before and it had been done to our satisfaction, so we had great confidence in them. We wrote them to make the zinc etchings and to get one to us by Thursday noon if possible. Imagine our disappointment and chagrin to have the drawings returned and followed later by the following letter:

Portland, Ore., Feb. 15, 1915.
The Silvertion Journal,
Silvertion, Oregon.
Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 13 inst. we are returning the cartoons under separate cover by this mail.

Will say that we are not in a position to make the plates from your copy.

Yours very truly,
Beaver Engraving Company,
By Wm. J. Koch, Pres.

Thus our work which we tried to plan was ruined and we were forced, after waiting and expecting to get one essential feature of our paper fixed up, to change our plan and to sustain the loss of the hurry and delay which every newspaper man understands. What is the reason for this, other than that the cartoon do not suit the big dominating beast that is devouring the liberties of the American people? And where does the freedom of the press come in? Where can we get the work done? How long can we hold out against this octopus whose tentacles are wrapped around the body of every individual, every business and every government under the sun?

A POPE — HIS ACTIONS

In this controversy we must ever remember two things—(1) Rome claims that she is "Holy" and that her leaders are "Holy" and her pope is "His Holiness." We are concerned to know the facts.

A stream of water—fresh and pure from untainted mountain snows, may be poured into a reservoir, every foot of whose lining is stacked with filth—how long will that water stay pure? And what of the taste of that man who drinks from it, instead of going a few rods further up, and drinking of the unpolluted waters of the living stream?

On a former occasion we told of the enormities attending the selection of a man to hold the plain title—"Bishop of Rome." We now speak of a man, and his selection to an office that gives him the name of "His Holiness—the Pope." Our account is drawn exclusively from a Romanist book, "The History of the Popes"—by Dr. Ludwig Pastor, written under the eye and by the authority of the late pope Leo 13.

If one should dispute with a priest it might be impossible to induce — or compel him to admit that any of his popes have been monsters of iniquity. But this work, published by highest authority, proves, not alone that leading and representative men among their popes have been utterly devilish in both word and life, but, notice it—The existence of such book proves that every posted leader in the Roman Priesthood perfectly well knows the facts in the case!

Pope Sixtus 5 died Aug. 12th, 1484. A riot broke out in Rome. "In a short time the city, to which all the armed vassals of both parties flocked in crowds, had become an open camp. Civil war threatened to break out every moment. All shops were closed—the palaces were changed into small fortresses. The whole town was in arms and uproar. Roderic Borgia (afterward pope Alexander 6.) was trying his utmost to obtain the tiara. Jakob Burchard, who took part in the Conclave, relates that Cardinal Cibo won the votes of his future electors by signing petitions for favors which they presented to him during the night, in his cell. He had two illegitimate children, a daughter, Teodora, and a son, Franceschetto. Lorenzo de Medici proposed marriage of his daughter to the pope's son; and after some delay, it was consummated in the Vatican. Pastor says: "This was the first time that the son of a pope had been publically recognized, and, as it were, introduced on the political stage." During the same year the daughter of the pope's daughter was married, also in the Vatican. This pope called himself Innocent 8. He found it very difficult to get enough money to carry out his wishes. "In the bull increasing the number of the College of Secretaries from six to thirty, want of money which had obliged the pope to pawn even the papal miter, is openly assigned as a reason for this measure. The office of Librarian at the Vatican was now for sale." Henceforth this office, which had hitherto been bestowed as a reward for industry, faithfulness and eloquence, became simply a marketable commodity. The corruptibility of all the officials increased to an alarming extent; carrying with it general insecurity and disorder in Rome; since any criminal who had money, could secure immunity from punishment. The conduct of some of the members of the pope's immediate circle gave great scandal. Innocent's disregard for the established rules of his church, aside from any question of spirituality, was not marked. Lorenzo de Medici wished that his son, Giovanni, be given official rank in the church. Before the boy was eight years old, his father had him made an abbot; and he was promoted from time to time, with increase of revenue. Now he must be made a "Prince of the church"—a cardinal. The rules forbade giving such office to a child, of course; but Lorenzo was incipient; and when at last the boy had reached the age of sixteen years and three months, he was admitted to the Consistory as a cardinal. Later, at the age of thirty seven, this person became pope under the name of Leo 10. "Innocent invented new ways and means of extorting money from the churches. This pope, however, deserves considerable credit for his energetic efforts to suppress sorcery and witchcraft, and the remnant of the heresy of John Huss."

O yes—it is a credit to any pope to burn some heretics! "L"

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In the Philippine Islands the priests have so many women and babies that concubinage is considered one of the sacred and privileged functions. The mothers boast of their sacred relations. If a man gets particular and objects to the liberties of the priest with his wife or daughters, the presumptuous objector is deported or otherwise disposed of. Senate document 190 (a re-print), 56th Congress, 2d session, signed by President McKinley, tells all about it. If you would know what the Roman priesthood is where it has developed in

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